

TOWN OF WEBSTER
Office of Selectmen
945 Battle Street/Rte. 127
Webster, NH 03303

3:05 P.M. Selectmen's Meeting – January 10, 2012 – Tuesday

Present: Chairman George Cummings, Selectman George Hashem and Selectman Bruce Johnson. Administrative Assistant Judith Jones, Financial Administrator Wendy Pinkham and Police Chief Robert Dupuis were also in attendance.

Chairman Cummings advised that this meeting was a continuation from the January 9, 2012 regularly scheduled Selectmen's Meeting.

The Board signed two copies of the newly amended "Refuse Disposal Ordinance" as approved at the Public Hearing in Hopkinton on January 3, 2012 after a few corrections to the section numbers. These will now be taken to Hopkinton for their signatures as soon as possible. Once signed, the newly amended ordinance will be posted on the website.

Mrs. Jones inquired on behalf of Town Clerk Michele St. Jacques whether or not to continue with the \$1.00 charge for landfill stickers. The Town Clerk had pointed out that only Webster residents picking up a sticker at the Town Office were being charged, otherwise the stickers were free at the Landfill and in Hopkinton.. She was hoping to be consistent. Selectman Johnson made a motion to eliminate the charge for the stickers based on the Town Clerk's inquiry and suggestion; seconded by Selectman Hashem and approved.

After discussion of the Pillsbury Lake Town-owned lots that could be offered for sale, Selectman Hashem made a motion to add a Warrant Article offering the one gifted lot from 2010 shown as Map 10-4-63 with the usual restrictions for sale; seconded by Selectman Johnson and approved. This Warrant Article will be added to the 2012 proposed Warrant Article.

The Board reviewed the budget changes made at the January 9, 2012 meeting. There was general discussion on the rationale behind these changes.

Mrs. Jones advised that Custodian Brenda Silver had requested \$4,000 for general repairs of the Town Hall that would be above the usual maintenance, such as for the kitchen and additional interior painting. As this expense would not be appropriate to come from the Capital Reserve for the Town Hall, it was decided to ask Mrs. Silver to provide a list of those repairs she would like to accomplish at the next Selectmen's Meeting for consideration to be included in the proposed 2012 budget. There was a general discussion regarding the damage to the dining room ceiling and what steps should be taken first to prevent the same type of damage in the future. No decisions were made regarding this.

3:52 P.M. Chairman Cummings called for a short recess.

4:10 P.M. Chairman Cummings reconvened the meeting.

There was discussion on the potential increase in the Town Tax Rate portion should the proposed budget pass and no surplus be used to reduce the overall budget. Surplus is down slightly from previous years. It was recommended that this information be displayed on the blackboard as had been done in the past.

Discussion continued on the budget, revenues and surplus.

4:20 P.M. Selectman Hashem made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Selectman Johnson and approved.

George C. Cummings, Chairman
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George K. Hashem

Bruce G. Johnson

BOS Initials:

G. C. Cummings

G. K. Hashem

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